

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
January 17, 2008
Minutes

Attendees: Mary Feathers, Chair, Gary Bent, Dudley Hamlin, Martha Kelly, Mark LaPlaca, , Katherine Paulhus, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Director of Finance Jeffrey Smith, Comptroller, Cherie Trahan, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Christopher Kueffner, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Ms Feathers, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Mr. LaPlaca to approve the minutes of the 12-19-07 and 12-20-07 meetings. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.**

III. Hearing for Visitors – Dr. Palmer, Principal, Vinton School, thanked the Board, Central Office Staff, and Administrators for their contributions to the Vinton School Library in memory of his mother.

IV. Communications – None.

V. Addition to Present Agenda – Ms Feathers asked for an Executive Session to discuss the superintendent job search.

VI. Committee Reports – Ms Feathers reported the Building Committee received an existing conditions analysis from Lawrence Associates. Rick Lawrence, architect, is meeting with each school parent association to discuss the Four Schools' Renovation Project.

VII. Report of the Superintendent

A. **Update on Security Grant** –Dr. Schimmel reported that we have not received grant notification from the State. The administrators will present options once more is known concerning state funding.

B. **Salary Budget Transfers 2007/2008 – **MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Dr. Bent to accept the salary budget transfers for the 2007-2008 school year. **VOTE:**Unanimous in favor.**

Dr. Patwa arrived at 7:54 p.m.

C. **Budget Review – Regular Programs/Middle School/Elementary Schools -** The principals and administrators reviewed the Regular Instructional Program portion of the proposed 2008-2009 budget.

Mr. Kueffner arrived at 8:30 p.m.

D. **Class Size/Enrollment** – The building principals reported no significant change in school enrollments.

E. **Personnel – **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa, seconded by Dr. Ben to accept the retirement of Ricardo Moraga, Spanish Teacher at Vinton and Mansfield Middle School,**

effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

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VIII. Hearing for Visitors – None

IX. Suggestions for Future Agenda – Dr. Patwa asked for a demonstration of a math lesson with the proposal to adopt a K-5 mathematics program.

X. Executive Session – Superintendent Search - **MOTION** by Mrs. Paulhus, seconded by Mr. Kueffner move into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor. **MOTION** by Dr. Patwa seconded by Mrs. Kelly to return to open session at 9:40 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

XI. Adjournment - **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner seconded by Mr. Hamlin to adjourn at 9:41 p.m.. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk